how many ar* ttfll in captivity with the militants and since when;

(d) how many of the victims have been killed by the militants; and

(e) what steps have been taken/are being taken to secure release of the vic tims and the details of the ransom paid or militants released in exchange of the kidnapped persons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARUAMBNTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) to (e) The Government of Jammu and Kashmir have informed that though. earlier terrorist out-fits had increasingly resorted to abductions, particularly of soft targets, of late this trend was on the decline. 290 persons were abducted' by different terrorist out-fits in 1991 and another 165 persons by 10th July, 1992. Of the. abducted persons, 48 were killed in 1991 and 35 in 1992 (upto 10th July, 1992).

The abductions are generally carried out by terrorist out-fits to intimidate specific groups such as, intelligence personnel, para-military forces including police personnel, political activists and leaders suspected informers selection of the population attempting to defy the dictates or the miiltants and also for ex-tortion/ransom money.

The Government of Jammu & Kashmir have informed that as on 10th July, 1992, no person was reported to be in the captivity of the terrorist out-fits. Though the Government has not paid ransom, a few arrested persons have been releaced in exchange of some of the hostages.

तारकुंडे समिति की रिपोर्ट

652. डा० बापू कालदाते : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि तारकुंडे समिति ने अपनी रिपोर्ट सरकार को प्रस्तुत कर दी है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार समिति की सिफारिशों को स्वीकार करने के बारे में विचार कर रही है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० एम० जैकब) : (क) से (ग) "कश्मीर पर समन्वय समिति" के श्री वी० एम० तारकुंडे तथा तीन अन्य ने 27 मई, 1992 को कश्मीर घाटी में मानव अधिकारों की स्थिति पर एक रिपोर्ट जारी की है। सभी रचनात्मक सुझावों पर सरकार खुले दिल से विचार करती है। तथापि, समन्वय समिति ने यह कहा है कि कश्मीर समस्या का कोई राजनैतिक समाधान ढूंढने के लिए कोई ठोस प्रस्ताव सुझाना उनके दल की कार्य सीमा के बाहर था।

Package to solve Punjab problem

653. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI SHANKAR DAYAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had recently offered a package to solve the Punjab problem;

(b) if so, whether the proposed package, besides the Punjab problem, seeks to solve the various issues under dispute among the States of Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what is the reaction of the concerned State Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) No, SSr.

(b; to (d) Do not arise.

Pocketing of gold to seized during raids by B.S.F. officials

654. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether'it is a fact that cases of involvement of certain senior officials of the B.S.F. regarding pocketing of gold, cash and even arms seized during raids on militants hide-outs in Kashmir have come to light;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the result of the inquiry if any, conducted by Government into the matter; and

(d) what action has been taken by Government against those B.S.F. offi cials found involved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MM. JACOB): (a) and (b) One case has come to the notice of the Government, in which BSF officers failed to properly account for certain arms, ammunition, gold ornaments, scooter etc. seized during raids in Kashmir. These articles have since been deposited with civil police.

(c) and (d) A Court of Inquiry is in progress and disciplinary action would be taken against those found guilty.

Banning of Naxalite organisations

655. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have warned the State Government about the various Naxalite Organisitions having links with each other and also with certain sesses-sionist groups operating in Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir in view of is escalations of naxalites activities in various parts of the country;

(b) whether Government are aware that the Andhra Pradesh Government has banned the Peoples War Group (Naxa lite Organisation) recently; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to direct the other State Governments like Bihar, Orissa etc., to ban the naxa lite organisations in those States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) The State Governments have been informed about the links between various naxalite groups and secessionist groups;

. (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Central Government have been impressing upon the affected state Governments the need for taking adequate measures to control the naxalite violence. It is for the state governments concerned to devise various methods and take concrete steps to improve the situation.

Peoples war group's links China

656. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent press reports that the Peoples War Group of naxalites is establishing a route upto China with the help of Maoist Communist centre of Bihar and other similar organisations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Yes Sir.